

# Winning local wineries

The Salmon Arm area boasts (even before we've had a few sips) of some of the nicest wines anywhere. The judges agree as the three local wineries, Granite Creek Estate Wines, Larch Hills Winery and Recline Ridge, have won their fair share of medals at national and international competitions. And if the taste wasn't enough to tempt your palate, the prices are very affordable.

The local wineries are family owned business and they know their wine. Which kind should you buy? Well that depends: Are you having steak or roast duck for dinner? What about a nice wine to go with chocolate desserts or one to go with blue cheese? They can tell you what wine will best complement whatever the dish or occasion.

### GRANITE CREEK

Granite Creek is located at 2302 Skimikin Road in the Tappen area.

If you visit Granite Creek you're welcome to tour the vineyard and the wine shop. Feel free to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy a bottle of award-winning wine in the licensed picnic area. Light snacks are available.

You have to try the 2006 Syrah with its berry flavours that finishes with white pepper and cedar. The 2008 Viognier is a lush and exotically perfumed wine with an

intense bouquet of honeysuckle and flavours of ripe apricot, pear, mango and buttermilk. It goes well with fish and poultry.

Granite Creek is open everyday in April, May, June and October from 12 to 5 p.m. From July through September the hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. From November to March they're open by appointment.

You can call 250-835-0049 or go to their website: [granitecreek.ca](http://granitecreek.ca)

### RECLINE RIDGE VINEYARDS & WINERY

When you're at Recline Ridge you can sip some wine in the tasting room or head out to the licensed patio. Try the nice white wine, 'Shuswap Serenade', or a dessert wine, 'Ridgeport' (which won double gold at the All Canadian Wine Championships).

They're open year round and easy to find. Just head west of Salmon Arm, turn south on Tappen Valley Road and head four kilometres to Skimikin Road. Call for hours of operation at 250-835-2212.

### LARCH HILLS WINERY

Tours at Larch Hills Winery are welcome from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. You are also welcome to self-tour around the vineyard and take in the

superb view of the valley below. The Ortega 2008 vintage with its tropical full fruity flavour and a crisp off-dry finish won gold at the Cellars of the World International Wine Competition.

They're located at 110 Timms Road in Salmon Arm. Phone 250-832-0155.



Come and enjoy Award Winning Wines & Friendly People in a beautiful setting on the Patio or Cool Tasting Bar. Just minutes west of Salmon Arm. 2640 Skimikin Rd - Tappen BC

[www.recline-ridge.bc.ca](http://www.recline-ridge.bc.ca)  
**250.835.2212**  
 Open Daily 9am-5pm April - October  
 or by appointment November - March

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Full selection of award winning wines

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 PREMIUM COOL CLIMATE WINES  
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